

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE

ABBOTT LABORATORIES and ABBOTT)
CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEMS, INC.,)

Plaintiffs,)

v.)

C. A. No. 06-613-SLR

JOHNSON AND JOHNSON, INC. and)
CORDIS CORPORATION,)

Defendants.)
)

**PLAINTIFFS' ANSWERING BRIEF IN OPPOSITION TO DEFENDANTS' SECOND
MOTION TO DISMISS FOR LACK OF SUBJECT MATTER JURISDICTION**

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I. INTRODUCTION

Cordis' second motion to dismiss is the latest in its increasingly desperate attempts to escape the jurisdiction of this Court. Cordis asks the Court to dismiss the entire action in light of a covenant not to sue, which Cordis executed one day before filing the motion. In the same breath, however, Cordis states that the covenant does not apply to three of the patents at issue in this case. Cordis concedes that those patents remain in controversy between the parties. For this reason alone, Cordis' motion to dismiss should be denied.

In Abbott's supplemental complaint, Abbott seeks a declaratory judgment for six patents: three patents from the original complaint and three directly related patents that issued after the original complaint was filed. According to Cordis, the covenant not to sue does not apply to the new patents. Indeed, well after Abbott filed the present declaratory judgment action, Cordis filed patent infringement actions for each of the new patents in New Jersey. By stipulation, the New Jersey court has stayed these actions and deferred to this Court to determine whether the litigation should proceed in Delaware. (Ex. H.)

The new patents are "continuations" of two of the original patents and, as determined by the Patent Office, the new patent claims are "not patentably distinct" from the original patent claims. In short, the subject matter of the new patents is inextricably intertwined with the subject matter of the original patents. Moreover, as set forth in Abbott's original complaint, the applications for the new patents were embroiled in the controversy between the parties even before the new patents issued from the Patent Office. Accordingly, under deeply rooted principles, the present declaratory judgment action constitutes the first-filed action for both the original patents and the new patents.

Cordis clearly does not want to litigate the present controversy in this District, even

though no other court can match the experience of this Court in stent patent litigation. Simply put, Cordis is trying to distance itself from inconsistent positions it has taken in prior stent litigation in this Court.¹ That reality is the elephant in the room that Cordis refuses to acknowledge.

In order to litigate in New Jersey, Cordis now is trying to eliminate this case as the first-filed case. Towards that end, Cordis urges the Court to engage in procedural slight of hand. Specifically, Cordis invites the Court to commit legal error by granting the motion to dismiss before considering Abbott's prior motion to supplement. The parties already briefed this issue in connection with prior motions. *See, e.g.*, D.I. 63 at 14-15. Cordis has not cited a single case, in the earlier briefing or in support of its second motion to dismiss, where a court granted a motion to dismiss while a proper motion to supplement was pending. Indeed, in the only case on which Cordis relies, the court denied the patent owner's motion to dismiss, granted the declaratory judgment plaintiff's motion to supplement to add a newly issued patent, and enjoined the patent owner's lawsuit for the new patent in another district.

Because the covenant not to sue does not extinguish the entire controversy between the parties, Cordis' motion to dismiss should be denied. Indeed, granting Abbott's motion to supplement will moot Cordis' belated motion to dismiss. The parties then will litigate the controversy pertaining to the new patents in this Court where Abbott brought the first-filed case more than seven months before Cordis filed in New Jersey.

¹ The sole explanation offered by Cordis for selecting New Jersey is that Cordis Corporation allegedly has "business operations" there. (D.I. 58 at 12.) More specifically, in the New Jersey complaints for the new patents, Cordis asserts that it has a "principal place of business" in New Jersey. (D.I. 48, Ex. 10, ¶ 1.) However, in direct conflict with its present position, Cordis recently filed an answer in another district denying that it has a principal place of business in New Jersey. (D.I. 48, Ex. 15, ¶ 3.) Caught espousing inconsistent positions, Cordis now argues that its principal place of business is "not relevant" in this action. (D.I. 58 at 12.) Cordis has failed to offer any credible justification for its attempts to escape the jurisdiction of this Court.

II. FACTUAL BACKGROUND

A. The Six Patents-In-Suit

Six patents are at issue in this lawsuit. On September 29, 2006, Abbott filed the original declaratory judgment complaint with a count for each of U.S. Patent Nos. 6,585,764 (the “764 patent”), 6,808,536 (the “536 patent”), and 6,776,796 (the “796 patent”) (collectively “the original patents”). (D.I. 1.) Pursuant to the motion to supplement, Abbott has brought an additional declaratory judgment count for each of U.S. Patent Nos. 7,217,286 (the “7286 patent”), 7,223,286 (the “3286 patent”), and 7,229,473 (the “473 patent”) (collectively “the new patents”). The new patents all issued after Abbott filed the original declaratory judgment complaint.

Five of the patents at issue are members of the same patent family (the “Wright patent family”). Specifically, all of the new patents (the 7286 patent, the 3286 patent, and the 473 patent) and two of the original patents (the 764 patent and the 536 patent) are all members of the Wright patent family.² As members of the same patent family, the five Wright patents all arise from the same original patent application and share a common specification. Moreover, the Patent Office determined that the claims of the new Wright patents are “not patentably distinct” from the claims of the original Wright patents. (Ex. A., Office Actions at ABT 008786-87, ABT 007923-24, and ABT 008518-19.) In response, Cordis filed terminal disclaimers with the Patent Office so that all five patents in the Wright family expire on the same date. (Ex. B, Terminal Disclaimers.)

² The sixth patent, the 796 patent, is part of the separate Falotico patent family. Both patent families relate to drug-eluting stents.

B. The Covenant Not To Sue

On August 30, 2007, almost a year after Abbott filed the present declaratory judgment action, Cordis executed a covenant not to sue Abbott for infringement of the original patents. (Ex. C.) In conjunction with the covenant not to sue, Cordis expressly stated:

This covenant does not extend to any patents other than the [original patents]. Specifically, this covenant does not extend in any way to [the new patents], which are the subject of litigation between Cordis and Abbott and ACS.

(*Id.*, ¶ 4.) Accordingly, the covenant not to sue does not extinguish the controversy about the new patents. This is not in dispute. Indeed, for the new patents, the covenant created an additional controversy regarding the effect and scope of the covenant itself. Assuming, *arguendo*, that Cordis wanted the Court to dismiss the entire case, Cordis should have executed a covenant not to sue that unambiguously extinguished the entire controversy between the parties.

C. Procedural History Of The Present Litigation

1. Abbott's Original Complaint

On September 29, 2006, almost a full year ago, Abbott filed the original complaint in this action seeking a declaratory judgment for the original patents. (D.I. 1.) In the original complaint, Abbott pled that Cordis created a controversy between the parties as to the original patents for at least two independent reasons.

First, in interviews that Cordis solicited with industry analysts and the news media and in direct communications with Abbott, Cordis asserted that Abbott's XIENCE V stent allegedly infringed the original patents. (*Id.*, ¶¶ 19-39.) As a direct and intended result of Cordis' actions, the analysts and news media published numerous reports infecting the marketplace with Cordis' infringement allegations. (*Id.*)

Second, in the Patent Office, Cordis was prosecuting additional patent applications that were directly related to the original patents, including the applications that eventually issued as

the new patents. (*Id.*, ¶¶ 40-47.) In an effort to expedite the applications, Cordis asserted that the XIENCE V infringed the pending claims, which the Patent Office determined were “not patentably distinct” from the claims of the original patents. (*Id.*, ¶¶ 41 and 45; Ex. A, Office Actions.) Due to the similarity of the claims and the direct relationship between the original patents and the pending applications, Cordis’ infringement allegations about the pending claims created a controversy between the parties about the original patents. (D.I. 1, ¶¶ 40-47.) In other words, as set forth in the original complaint, the applications for the new patents were embroiled in the controversy between the parties even before the new patents issued.

2. Cordis’ First Motion To Dismiss

On December 13, 2006, Cordis moved to dismiss the original complaint for lack of subject matter jurisdiction, arguing that there was no controversy between the parties. (D.I. 14.) For several months, the parties conducted discovery relating to the motion to dismiss, including document production, interrogatories, and depositions. After the parties completed that discovery, Cordis filed an amended memorandum in support of the motion on April 26, 2007. (D.I. 41.) Briefing on the motion to dismiss was completed on June 14, 2007. (D.I. 59.) This motion is presently pending.

3. Additional Pleadings As The New Patents Issued

The new patents issued earlier this year on May 15 (the 7286 patent), May 29 (the 3286 patent), and June 12 (the 473 patent). As discussed above, while prosecuting applications for the new patents in the Patent Office, Cordis expressly asserted that Abbott’s XIENCE V stent infringed claims that issued in the new patents. Accordingly, the controversy between the parties immediately extended to each of the new patents as it issued from the Patent Office.

a. Abbott's Motion To Supplement

When the 7286 patent issued May 15, 2007, Abbott promptly (at 12:01 a.m.) moved to supplement the complaint to add a declaratory judgment count for the new patent. (D.I. 43.) Likewise, as the 3286 patent and the 473 patent each issued from the Patent Office, Abbott promptly moved to add a declaratory judgment count for each of the new patents. (D.I. 51 and 57.)³ Cordis concedes, as it must, that the new patents are in controversy between the parties. Briefing on Abbott's motion to supplement was completed on June 22, 2007, almost two months before Cordis filed its second motion to dismiss. (D.I. 63.)

b. Cordis' New Jersey Lawsuits

After the Patent Office published the dates when the new patents would issue, Abbott informed Cordis that Abbott would move to supplement its declaratory judgment complaint when the new patents issued. (Ex. D, May 14, 2007 Hansen email.) Nevertheless, Cordis filed a patent infringement complaint in New Jersey as each new patent issued. When the 7286 patent issued on May 15, 2007, Cordis filed in New Jersey at 11:07 a.m., according to the official filing receipt, which is well after Abbott moved to supplement (and in the alternative filed a new complaint) in this District. (D.I. 63 at 16-18; D.I. 48 at Ex. 10.) Cordis argues, however, that it was able to persuade a deputy clerk in New Jersey to write a letter allegedly establishing that Cordis filed earlier that morning. (D.I. 63 at 16-18.)

As discussed below, after granting Abbott's motion to supplement, the Court need not reach the issue of which party filed first on May 15. In any event, the Court should rely on the

³ In the alternative, Abbott filed a new declaratory judgment complaint for the new patents and moved to consolidate with the present action. (C.A. No. 07-259-SLR, D.I. 1; C.A. No. 06-613-SLR, D.I. 43.) Abbott filed the new declaratory judgment complaint as soon as the clerk's office opened on May 15, 2007, the same day that the 7286 patent issued. As the Court is aware, new complaints must be filed in person in this District.

official filing receipt and should disregard the alleged correspondence with deputy clerks in New Jersey. Among other things, Abbott believes Cordis solicited the letters via improper *ex parte* communications with the deputy clerks in New Jersey. Moreover, Cordis has implicitly conceded that, contrary to the letters from the deputy clerks, the Notice sent by the New Jersey court at 11:07 a.m. comports with the local rules and procedures in that district. (D.I. 58 at 9 (“The clerk’s office assigned Cordis’ action case number 07-2265 and sent an email to that effect at 11:07 a.m.”).)

Pursuant to the parties’ stipulation, the New Jersey court has stayed the New Jersey actions until this Court determines whether the parties should litigate in Delaware. (Ex. H.)

c. Abbott’s Motion To Enjoin

Abbott has moved to enjoin the New Jersey litigation. (D.I. 47.) With respect to the present controversy, Abbott filed first in this District more than seven months before Cordis filed in New Jersey. Accordingly, the New Jersey litigation should be enjoined pursuant to the first-filed rule. (D.I. 48 at 8-17.) Moreover, this Court has substantial experience with stents and drug-eluting stent technology, including prior litigation involving the present parties and prior litigation initiated by Cordis in this District. (*Id.* at 18.) The New Jersey court has no such experience. Briefing for Abbott’s motion to enjoin was completed on June 22, 2007, almost two months before Cordis filed its belated second motion to dismiss. (D.I. 63.)

4. Cordis’ Second Motion To Dismiss

Cordis first raised the possibility of a covenant not to sue in a letter on August 8, 2007. (Ex. E.) Cordis sent a draft covenant as an enclosure to the letter. (*Id.*) In subsequent correspondence, Abbott pointed out that the draft covenant did not extinguish the controversy for

any of the patents, original or new. (Ex. F.) Cordis then revised the covenant to extinguish the controversy for the original patents but not the new patents, as discussed above. (Ex. C.)

Notably, Cordis did not execute (or offer) a covenant not to sue until after all of the following occurred:

- In a carefully orchestrated campaign, Cordis solicited interviews with industry analysts and news reporters and infected the marketplace with allegations that Abbott's XIENCE V stent infringed the original patents.
- Abbott filed the original complaint in this action seeking a declaratory judgment that the original patents were invalid and not infringed by XIENCE V. (Notably, when Abbott filed the original complaint, the Patent Office had rejected all the claims in each of the applications for the new patents. Abbott could not foresee whether or when any new patents might issue or with what claims.)
- The new patents issued with claims that are "not patentably distinct" from the claims of the original patents.
- The parties conducted substantial discovery, involving the parties and non-parties, pertaining to Cordis' original motion to dismiss, including document production, interrogatories, and depositions.
- The parties had fully briefed Cordis' original motion to dismiss, Abbott's motion to supplement, and Abbott's motion to enjoin, and the Court had set a pretrial scheduling conference.

At this juncture, Cordis apparently concluded that the Court was on the verge of denying Cordis' original motion to dismiss and enjoining the later-filed actions in New Jersey. Anxious to escape the jurisdiction of this Court, Cordis apparently decided at this point to sacrifice the original patents because the claims of the new patents are so similar to the claims of the original patents. Cordis then executed the covenant not to sue and filed a second motion to dismiss, arguing that the Court should ignore the fact that the covenant does not extinguish the entire controversy between the parties.

III. ARGUMENT

A. As A Matter Of Law, The Court Should Grant Abbott's Motion To Supplement Before Considering Cordis' Motions To Dismiss

Cordis has now filed two motions to dismiss this action. Both motions to dismiss pertain only to the original patents. Neither motion addresses the entire controversy including the new patents. In an attempt to circumvent this fundamental flaw, Cordis suggests, if the Court were to ignore Abbott's motion to supplement, the Court then could pretend that the controversy is limited to the original patents and dismiss the entire case. Notably, Cordis fails to cite a single case where a court ignored a motion to supplement in order to grant a motion to dismiss. Indeed, on this point, the only case cited by Cordis supports Abbott, not Cordis. (D.I. 68 at 5 (citing *Cosden Oil & Chem. Co. v. Foster Grant Co.*, 432 F. Supp. 956 (D. Del. 1977)).

In the *Cosden Oil* case cited by Cordis, Cosden filed a declaratory judgment action for a first patent in Delaware. *Id.* at 957-58. Later, a second related patent issued. *Id.* at 958. On the same day the second patent issued, the patent owner Foster filed a patent infringement complaint in Texas. *Id.* Three days later, Cosden filed an amended (or supplemental) complaint in Delaware seeking to add the new patent to the declaratory judgment action in Delaware. *Id.* Cosden moved to enjoin the Texas lawsuit and Foster moved to dismiss the Delaware lawsuit. *Id.* The Delaware court denied Foster's motion to dismiss and granted Cosden's motions to supplement and to enjoin the Texas litigation. The court explained:

The similarity between the [original] '434 patent and the [newly-issued] '311 patent and the intimate relationship between the respective file histories of these two patents leaves no question in my mind that the controversy surrounding the '311 patent is part and parcel of the controversy surrounding the '434 patent. As such, under the first-filed doctrine enunciated by the Third Circuit Court of Appeals in *Crosley Corp. v. Hazeltine Corp.*, 122 F.2d 925 (3d Cir. 1941), I have no choice but to enjoin the Dallas suit pending disposition of the claims here. Cosden is entitled to be free from the "vexation of subsequent litigation over the same subject matter" 122 F.2d at 930, and the courts are entitled to be free from the waste and inefficiency involved in duplicative litigation.

Id. at 960 (emphasis added). Contrary to Cordis' position, nothing in *Codsen Oil* supports the flawed idea that, under the present circumstances, a court may dismiss a case while ignoring a proper motion to supplement. Cordis apparently cites *Codsen Oil* because the court merely chose to write about the motion to dismiss before the motion to supplement. *Id.* at 958-60. There is no discussion in *Codsen Oil* regarding which motion should be addressed first. Indeed, there was no need for the court to address that issue because the court denied the motion to dismiss, granted the motion to supplement, and enjoined the parallel litigation in another district. *Id.* at 960.

Lacking any precedent or other authority, Cordis makes an "efficiency" argument, suggesting that granting its motion to dismiss would be less work for the Court because the other pending motions then would be "moot." (D.I. 68 at 5-6.) To the contrary, if the Court grants Abbott's motion to supplement and denies the motions to dismiss, then the question of which party filed first, Abbott in Delaware or Cordis in New Jersey, is clear cut. Abbott filed the present declaratory judgment action in Delaware more than seven months before Cordis filed the first patent infringement action in New Jersey. In contrast, assuming, *arguendo*, that the Court were to dismiss this entire case without allowing Abbott to add counts for the new patents, then the Court would be confronted with the question of which party filed first on May 15, 2007.⁴ And, in that context, the Court would be confronted by Cordis arguing that the Court should disregard the official filing receipt in New Jersey and rely instead on a letter from a deputy clerk

⁴ Cordis suggests that Abbott would suffer no prejudice if the Court dismissed this action because Abbott then could litigate the controversy about the new patents in the 07-259 action, which Abbott filed in the alternative on May 15, 2007. (D.I. 68. at 5-6.) Abbott trusts that the Court will see through this sham argument. Cordis has no intention of allowing the 07-259 action to proceed. Indeed, in other briefing, Cordis has already argued that, as between the 07-259 action and the duplicative New Jersey litigation, Cordis believes that the New Jersey litigation was filed first. (*See, e.g.*, D.I. 58 at 3.)

in New Jersey, which Cordis acquired through improper *ex parte* communications with the deputy clerk. In other words, granting Cordis' motion to dismiss would move the Court into a quagmire that it need not reach if it grants Abbott's motion to supplement before considering the motions to dismiss. After granting Abbott's motion to supplement, the declaratory judgment counts pertaining to the original patents can be dismissed pursuant to Cordis' belated covenant not to sue. The parties then will litigate the remaining controversy for the new patents in this District.

The procedural tactics employed by Cordis are substantially similar to those employed by the defendants (and rejected by the court) in *Ramsey Group, Inc. v EGS Int'l, Inc.*, 208 F.R.D. 559 (W.D.N.C. 2002). In *Ramsey Group*, the plaintiffs filed a declaratory judgment in North Carolina seeking a declaration that defendants' first patent was invalid and not infringed. 208 F.R.D. at 559-60.⁵ Later, defendants' second patent issued, as a continuation-in-part of the first patent. *See id.* at 563; *see also* Ex. G, Patent Cover Page. On that same day, the defendants filed a statement of non-assertion (equivalent to a covenant not to sue) for the first patent and simultaneously filed a new case in California for the second patent. *Ramsey Group*, 208 F.R.D. at 560. The declaratory judgment plaintiff then moved to supplement its original complaint to add a count for the second patent. *Id.* at 560. The defendants opposed and requested a declaration that the California litigation was the first-filed action for the second patent. *Id.* at 562 n.4. In determining that North Carolina was the first-filed forum, the court noted with disapproval that "there is little doubt that a counterclaim would be asserted in this action on the basis of the [second patent]. The 'Statement of Non-Assertion' of the [first] patent which was filed by the Defendants appears to have been an attempt to trump jurisdiction in this District . . ."

⁵ Plaintiffs also had another cause of action in their original complaint – a claim for relief under state law for unfair and deceptive trade practices. *Id.* at 560.

Id. at 561 n.3. Like the court in *Ramsey Group*, this Court should recognize Cordis' procedural ploys for what they are and deny the motion to dismiss.

In accordance with the principles underlying Rule 15, Abbott's motion to supplement should be granted before the Court considers Cordis' motions to dismiss. A motion to supplement should be freely granted. *Medeva Pharma Ltd. v. Am. Home Prods. Corp.*, 201 F.R.D. 103, 104 (D. Del. 2001). Indeed, under Rule 15, a court should grant a motion to supplement even where "the original pleading is defective in its statement of a claim for relief or defense." Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(d). In fact, a motion to supplement to cure jurisdictional defects is proper even if the court's jurisdiction is only perfected by events occurring after the complaint was filed. *See, e.g., Mathews v. Diaz*, 426 U.S. 67, 74-75 (1976).⁶ In any event, jurisdiction has existed in this Court since Abbott filed the original complaint. Cordis did not execute a covenant not to sue for the original patents until well after the new patents issued and Abbott moved to supplement to add counts for the new patents. Cordis can hardly argue that no controversy exists for the new patents where Cordis expressly asserted that Abbott infringed the new claims even before the new patents issued, attempted to exempt the new patents from the covenant not to sue, and filed duplicative litigation for the new patents in New Jersey.

In order to fully recognize a party's right to supplement, and to achieve the policy of liberal supplementation, the Court should consider Abbott's motion to supplement before

⁶ In *Mathews*, the plaintiff was challenging the constitutionality of certain Medicare requirements. *Mathews*, 426 U.S. at 69. As a jurisdictional pre-requisite, the plaintiff was required to first exhaust administrative remedies. *Id.* at 72. The plaintiff, however, did not file such an application until after the government filed its motion to dismiss for lack of subject matter of jurisdiction. *Id.* Despite the lack of jurisdiction when the complaint was filed, the Supreme Court held that the plaintiff's subsequent actions cured any jurisdictional defects. *Id.* at 74-75. Therefore, even assuming, *arguendo*, that this Court were to find a jurisdictional deficiency with Abbott's original complaint, Abbott's supplemental complaint cures any such problems.

addressing Cordis' motion to dismiss. This is exactly what transpired in *Matthew Bender & Co. v. West Publishing Co.*, 37 U.S.P.Q. 2d 1402 (S.D.N.Y. 1995). In that case, Bender filed a declaratory judgment complaint seeking a declaration that a first product did not infringe any West copyright under the "fair use" doctrine. *Id.* at 1403. West moved to dismiss, offering a covenant not to sue. *Id.* Subsequently, Bender filed a proposed supplemental complaint for a new product. *Id.* at 1403-04. Just like Cordis in this case, West argued that Bender's motion to supplement should be denied because West's motion to dismiss rendered the entire action moot. *Id.* at 1404. In permitting Bender to supplement the complaint, the court stated:

West's first argument in opposition to Bender's motion to file a second supplemental complaint is that a party cannot revive a moot action by filing a supplemental complaint. This argument, of course, presupposes that the Court will find the action moot. This Court has yet to decide defendant's motion to dismiss based on the alleged nonjusticiability and mootness of the plaintiff's claims. The possible outcome of that motion, however, does not affect the decision on this motion to supplement the complaint because "filing a supplemental complaint, pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. R. 15(d), may relate back to the original filing so as to cure a jurisdictional defect."

*Id.*⁷ Just as Bender sought to add a new declaratory judgment claim for a product that did not exist at the time the original complaint was filed, Abbott seeks to add new patents that had not yet issued when Abbott's original complaint was filed. The addition of the new patents to the litigation cures any alleged jurisdictional deficiency with Abbott's original complaint. It would

⁷ See also *Star Scientific, Inc. v. R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Co.*, 174 F. Supp. 2d 388, 396 (D. Md. 2001) ("[A] Rule 15(d) supplemental pleading relates back to the date of the plaintiff's original filing, in the same manner that a Rule 15(a) amendment relates back. Thus, [Defendant's] argument that there is no jurisdiction at the time [Plaintiff's] complaint was filed, and thus the supplement complaint is moot, holds no weight.") (internal citation omitted); *Ramsey Group*, 208 F.R.D. at 563; *Hooker Chems. & Plastics Corp. v. Diamond Shamrock Corp.*, 87 F.R.D. 398, 400-03 (W.D.N.Y. 1980); *PE Corp. v. Affymetrix, Inc.*, No. 00-629-SLR, 2001 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 15792, at *4-11 (D. Del. Sept. 27, 2001) (first granting motion to amend complaint and then addressing motion to dismiss).

be legal error to dismiss an entire case where a supplemental pleading sets forth facts establishing a controversy between the parties.

B. The New Patents And The Original Patents Are All Part And Parcel Of The Controversy Between The Parties

The controversy between the parties extends to all six patents at issue: the three original patents and the three new patents. In effect, Cordis argues that the controversy between the parties should be treated as six separate controversies, one for each of the patents. The controversy cannot be parsed as Cordis suggests. *See, e.g., Saes Getters v. Aeronex, Inc.*, 219 F. Supp. 2d 1081, 1090 (S.D. Cal. 2002) (“[T]he forum with priority is the one where the parties initially sued each other, even if the parties raise a different claim in a subsequently filed suit in a different forum.”); *Applied Vision, Inc. v. Optical Coating Lab., Inc.*, No. C97-1233, 1997 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 16306, at *13 (N.D. Cal. Sept. 23, 1997) (holding that a previously filed complaint on a different patent was the first-filed lawsuit as “the technology, parties and circumstances surrounding the patents in question are similar enough to be considered to share a common core of operative facts”); *Owens-Illinois Glass Container, Inc. v. B&H Mfg., Inc.*, 13 U.S.P.Q. 2d 2061, 2062, 2064 (E.D. Cal. 1989) (transferring a case for newly-issued patent to the district where a prior case on a related patent was pending).⁸

⁸ *See also* D.I. 48 at 8-16; *Intel Corp. v. AmberWave Sys. Corp.*, 233 F.R.D. 416, 416-19 (D. Del. 2005) (Where a declaratory judgment action was pending in Delaware for two patents and the patent owner filed an infringement action in another district for a newly issued patent, “[i]t makes no sense to burden [another district] with [the] third and latest version of the substantially overlapping disputes between the parties.”); *Versus Tech., Inc. v. Hillenbrand Indus., Inc.*, No. 1:04-CV-168, 2004 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 28331, at *17 (W.D. Mich. Nov. 23, 2004) (“Although Versus is correct that its claims were first raised in this case, several courts have held that a subsequently-filed amendment is prior to an earlier complaint where the amendment is made in the first-filed action.”); *Kimberly-Clark Corp. v. McNeil-PPC, Inc.*, 260 F. Supp. 2d 738, 740-41 (E.D. Wis. 2003) (same); *Hooker Chems.*, 87 F.R.D. at 400-03; *Cosden Oil*, 432 F. Supp. at 960.

Moreover, principles of relation back under Rule 15 provide that “[a]n amendment of a pleading relates back to the date of the original pleading when . . . the claim or defense asserted in the amended pleading arose out of the conduct, transaction, or occurrence set forth . . . in the original pleading.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(c). Relation back under Rule 15(c) applies to both amended complaints as well as to supplemental complaints. *See, e.g., Star Scientific*, 174 F. Supp. 2d at 396 (“[A] Rule 15(d) supplemental pleading relates back to the date of plaintiff’s original filing, in the same manner that a Rule 15(a) amendment relates back.”). Applying Rule 15(c), courts have held that a supplemental pleading to add a declaratory judgment count for a newly issued patent relates back to the original pleading. For example, in *Ramsey Group*, the newly issued patent was a continuation-in-part of the original patent. 208 F.R.D. at 562-63. In determining that the original complaint was the first-filed complaint as to the newly issued patent, the court stated:

Both of the patents at issue are for designs for such systems and the collective Defendants, at one time or another, have claimed that the Ramsey Group is infringing or has infringed those patents. The undersigned, therefore, finds that the claims in the supplement pleading concerning the [continuation-in-part patent] arise out of conduct, transactions or occurrences set forth in the original pleading. “While the action[] as originally filed related to [a] different patent[], the case[] involves the same parties, []the same products, and similar technology.”

Having concluded that subsection (2) of Rule 15(c) has been met, the supplemental amended complaint relates back to the date of filing of the original complaint, March 26, 2002.

Id. at 563 (citations omitted) (alterations in original)⁹; *see also Hooker Chems.*, 87 F.R.D. at 403 (stating that “[i]t is undoubtedly true that Hooker would have included the March 11, 1980 ‘725 patent in the original complaint if it had been issued on September 26, 1979, when this litigation began. The ‘725 patent is itself denominated a ‘continuation’ of the ‘405 patent. Both concern

⁹ As noted in Section II.A, the new patent in *Ramsey Group* issued after the original complaint was filed.

the same technology. Both arose from a common application filed in 1971. Both contain claims which are very similar, if not completely identical. . . . I find Hooker's 'Second Amended Complaint' to be 'part and parcel' of the same controversy as the original complaint . . . and therefore entitled to relation back under Rule 15(c).").

As in *Ramsey Group* and *Hooker Chemicals*, Abbott's supplemental complaint relates back to the original complaint. The three new patents are directly related, as continuations, to two of the original patents. Moreover, Cordis' allegations of infringement relating to the original patents and the new patents were part of the same overall public campaign to cast doubt over Abbott's XIENCE V stent. Like the alleged infringer in *Hooker Chemicals*, "it is undoubtedly true that [Abbott] would have included [the new patents] in the original complaint if [they] had been issued on [September 29, 2006], when this litigation began." 87 F.R.D at 403.


Because Cordis continues to assert the new patents against Abbott, the covenant not to sue is insufficient to extinguish the entire controversy between the parties. *Super Sack Mfg. Corp. v. Chase Packaging Corp.*, 57 F.3d 1054, 1056 (Fed. Cir. 1995) (covenant not sue is sufficient where the patent owner "will unconditionally agree not to sue [the alleged infringer] as to any claim of the patents-in-suit") (emphasis omitted). Moreover, under the facts of this case, a covenant not to sue on the original patents is insufficient as Cordis has asserted patent infringement claims for the same subject matter under the new, but "not patentably distinct," patents. Consequently, an actual controversy still exists between the parties. As such, Abbott respectfully requests that Cordis' motion to dismiss be denied.

IV. CONCLUSION

Abbott's motion to supplement should be granted, and Cordis' motions to dismiss should be denied. Neither motion to dismiss addresses the entire controversy between the parties. The parties can and should resolve their present controversy in this District where Abbott filed first almost a full year ago. The duplicative litigation filed by Cordis in New Jersey should be enjoined.

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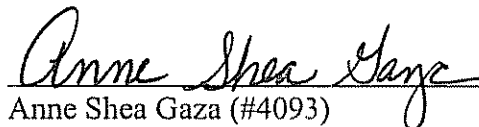

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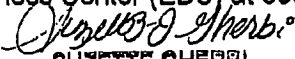
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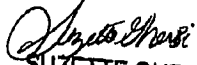
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DETAILED ACTION***Double Patenting***

The nonstatutory double patenting rejection is based on a judicially created doctrine grounded in public policy (a policy reflected in the statute) so as to prevent the unjustified or improper timewise extension of the "right to exclude" granted by a patent and to prevent possible harassment by multiple assignees. A nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting rejection is appropriate where the conflicting claims are not identical, but at least one examined application claim is not patentably distinct from the reference claim(s) because the examined application claim is either anticipated by, or would have been obvious over, the reference claim(s). See, e.g., *In re Berg*, 140 F.3d 1428, 46 USPQ2d 1226 (Fed. Cir. 1998); *In re Goodman*, 11 F.3d 1046, 29 USPQ2d 2010 (Fed. Cir. 1993); *In re Longi*, 759 F.2d 887, 225 USPQ 645 (Fed. Cir. 1985); *In re Van Ornum*, 686 F.2d 937, 214 USPQ 761 (CCPA 1982); *In re Vogel*, 422 F.2d 438, 164 USPQ 619 (CCPA 1970); and *In re Thorington*, 418 F.2d 528, 163 USPQ 644 (CCPA 1969).

A timely filed terminal disclaimer in compliance with 37 CFR 1.321(c) or 1.321(d) may be used to overcome an actual or provisional rejection based on a nonstatutory double patenting ground provided the conflicting application or patent either is shown to be commonly owned with this application, or claims an invention made as a result of activities undertaken within the scope of a joint research agreement.

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Effective January 1, 1994, a registered attorney or agent of record may sign a terminal disclaimer. A terminal disclaimer signed by the assignee must fully comply with 37 CFR 3.73(b).

Claims 1-5 are provisionally rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 64-140 of copending Application No. 10/951,385. It is obvious to one having ordinary skill in the art that stents can be made of metal. It is also obvious that the current claims in this application 11/466,983 are met by the limitations of claims 64-140 and are merely reworded in a varying manner. This is a provisional obviousness-type double patenting rejection.

Claims 1 and 5 are rejected on the ground of nonstatutory obviousness-type double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-20 of U.S. Patent No. 6,585,764. Although the conflicting claims are not identical, they are not patentably distinct from each other because patent 6,585,764 meets the claims specifically, a copolymer polymer carrier and a therapeutic agent of rapamycin for the treatment of restenosis and the method claim is obvious because 17 states that stents is to combat restenosis and this is a well known occurrence of coronary angioplasty and metallic stents are further well known in the art and is a matter of design choice.

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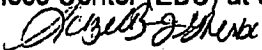
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Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Suzette J-J Gherbi whose work schedule is Maxi-Flex off every other Friday and whose telephone number is 571-272-4751.

The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are 703-872-9306.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is 703-308-0858.

Information regarding the status of an application may be obtained from the Patent Application Information Retrieval (PAIR) system. Status information for published applications may be obtained from either Private PAIR or Public PAIR. Status information for unpublished applications is available through Private PAIR only. For more information about the PAIR system, see <http://pair-direct.uspto.gov>. Should you have questions on access to the Private PAIR system, contact the Electronic Business Center (EBC) at 866-217-9197 (toll-free).


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17 November 2006

EXHIBIT B

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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of:
Carol Wright, et al.

Confirmation No.: **2954**

Application No.: **11/467,035**

Group Art Unit: **3738**

Filing Date: **August 24, 2006**

Examiner: **Suzette J.J. Gherbi**

For: **Local Delivery Of Rapamycin For Treatment Of Proliferative Sequelae
Associated With PTCA Procedures, Including Delivery Using A Modified Stent**

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Group Art Unit: 3738

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**For: Local Delivery of Rapamycin for Treatment of Proliferative Sequelae
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Abbott Laboratories and Advanced Cardiovascular Systems, Inc. v. Johnson and
Johnson, Inc. and Cordis Corporation DEDC C.A. No. 06-613-SLR.

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EXHIBIT C

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

**ABBOTT LABORATORIES and ABBOTT
CARDIOVASCULAR SYSTEMS, INC.,**

Plaintiffs,

V.

JOHNSON and JOHNSON, INC. and CORDIS CORPORATION,

Defendants.

Civil Action No. 06-613 - SLR

COVENANT NOT TO SUE

WHEREAS, Cordis Corporation (“Cordis”) owns all rights, titles and interest in U.S. Patent Nos. 6,585,764 (the “764 patent”), 6,808,536 (the “536 patent”), and U.S. Patent No. 6,776,796 (the “796 patent”);

WHEREAS Abbott Laboratories ("Abbott") and Abbott Cardiovascular Systems, Inc. ("ACS") have manufactured and are presently manufacturing a drug eluting stent containing the drug Everolimus, known as the Xience V stent, in the United States for sale abroad;

WHEREAS Abbott and ACS filed this civil action, captioned *Abbott Lab. v. Johnson & Johnson, Inc.*, C.A. No. 06-613-SLR on September 29, 2006, seeking a declaratory judgment that the '764, '536 and '796 patents are invalid and not infringed by the Xience V stent;

WHEREAS Cordis does not intend to assert the '764, '536 or '796 patents against Abbott or ACS.

NOW, THEREFORE, Cordis represents, stipulates, agrees, and covenants as follows:

1. Cordis unconditionally represents, stipulates, agrees, and covenants on behalf of itself and its affiliates and successors in interest that it will not sue Abbott or ACS, their affiliates, successors and customers, or any party which Abbott or ACS indemnify against infringement, for infringement of, or otherwise assert, enforce, or hold Abbott or ACS, or any party which they indemnify against infringement, liable for infringement of the '764, '536, and '796 patents based on the importation, manufacture, use, sale, or offer for sale of any drug-eluting stent containing the drug Everolimus or Zotarolimus, including the Xience V stent.
2. This covenant has no bearing upon whether the Xience V stent infringes any claims of the '764, '536, and '796 patents.
3. This covenant has no bearing upon the validity or enforceability of any claims of the '764, '536, and '796 patents.
4. This covenant does not extend to any patents other than the '764, '536, and '796 patents. Specifically, this covenant does not extend in any way to U.S. Patent Nos. 7,217,286, 7,223,286, and 7,229,473, which are the subject of litigation between Cordis and Abbott and ACS.

Dated: 8/30/07

CORDIS CORPORATION

By: Eric Harris
Eric Harris

EXHIBIT D

From: Leland Hansen
Sent: Monday, May 14, 2007 4:48 PM
To: 'pveith@Sidley.com'
Cc: 'dpkritikin@sidley.com'; 'rcass@Sidley.com'
Subject: Abbott Labs v. J&J, C.A. No. 06-613 SLR

Paul:

I am writing to follow up on my prior voicemail. I have tried to call you several times but each time I have been immediately directed to your voicemail.

We are aware that U.S. Patent No. 7,217,286 will issue tomorrow (May 15) from application no. 11/467,035 and U.S. Patent No. 7,223,286 will issue on May 29 from application no. 10/951,385. Please let us know today whether J&J will stipulate that Abbott may either (1) supplement the complaint to add a declaratory judgment claim for each of the new patents or (2) consolidate the present action with new declaratory judgment complaints for each of the new patents.

Also, please let us know today whether J&J will withdraw its motion to dismiss.

Leland

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August 8, 2007

By E-mail and U.S. Mail

Mr. Leland G. Hansen
McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd.
500 West Madison Street, 34th Floor
Chicago, Illinois 60661

Re: Abbott Laboratories et al. v. Johnson & Johnson et al.; No. 06-613-SLR (D. Del.)

Dear Leland:

Attached is a proposed covenant not to sue for the patents at issue in the above-referenced '613 Declaratory Judgment action. This covenant renders the '613 action moot and removes any actual controversy with respect to the patents at issue. *See, e.g., Super Sack Mfg. Corp. v. Chase Packaging Corp.*, 57 F.3d 1054, 1059-60 (Fed. Cir. 1995); *Matsushita Battery Industrial Co., Ltd. v. Energy Conversion Devices, Inc.*, 1997 WL 8111563 at *6-7 (D. Del. 1997); *Merck & Co. v. Apotex, Inc.*, 488 F.Supp.2d 418, 423-24 (D. Del. 2007). Based on this covenant, we expect that Abbott and ACS will agree to dismiss the '613 action. Please confirm that you will agree to do so.

We look forward to hearing from you.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "R. E. Cass".

Russell E. Cass

Enclosure

CHI 3959345v.1

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Dated: _____

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Via email

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Re: *Abbott Laboratories et al. v. Johnson & Johnson et al.*; No. 06-613-SLR (D. Del.)

Dear Russ:

Thank you for your letters regarding the proposal by your clients ("J&J") to execute a covenant not to sue for the 764, 536 and 796 patents. We are interested in exploring any reasonable proposal to narrow the disputes between the parties.

As an initial matter, we are troubled by the timing of your proposal. We filed a declaratory judgment complaint in September, 2006. In December, 2006, J&J filed a motion to dismiss, alleging that the Court lacked subject matter jurisdiction. After the parties took discovery pertaining to the jurisdictional issue, the parties completed the briefing for the motion to dismiss. J&J submitted the final brief on June 14, 2007, more than two months ago. Now, almost a year after we filed suit and after the parties have expended substantial resources addressing your motion to dismiss, your clients propose to execute a covenant not to sue, which you contend would moot the pending motion to dismiss. Why did you wait almost a year and allow the parties to expend so many resources before making such a proposal? Your clients could have executed a covenant not to sue at any time, even before we filed the declaratory judgment complaint.

That said, we have three principal concerns with the substance of the proposal as presently drafted, particularly under the facts and circumstances of this case.

First, the scope of the draft covenant not to sue is not sufficient to eliminate the controversy between the parties as to the 764, 536 and 796 patents. For example, the covenant not to sue should encompass zotarolimus products in addition to everolimus products. Also, the covenant not to sue should encompass Cordis affiliates and successors and Abbott/ACS affiliates, successors and customers.



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Second, we object to paragraphs 2, 4 and 5 in the draft covenant not to sue. (We note that the paragraph numbering skips from 2 to 4.) For example, your clients have failed to identify any material differences between the claims on the 764, 536 and 796 patents ("the original patents") on the one hand and the 7286, 3286 and 473 patents ("the new patents") on the other hand. Accordingly, under the facts and circumstances of this case, your clients cannot execute a covenant not to sue for the original patents and then assert claims for the same subject matter from the new patents.

Third, although we welcome an appropriate covenant not to sue for the original patents, we do not agree that such a covenant would "moot" the 613 action, as you suggest. As you know, we promptly moved to supplement the complaint in the 613 action as each of the new patents issued. The Court had jurisdiction when we filed the original complaint. The Court had jurisdiction when we filed the motions to supplement. Jurisdiction has now vested as to all of the new patents. Moreover, as a matter of law, it is inappropriate to dismiss a complaint for lack of jurisdiction where the plaintiff can establish jurisdiction by amending or supplementing the complaint. (*See Fed. R. Civ. P. 15.*)

In view of the foregoing, please reconsider our alternative proposal that would narrow the disputes between the parties and lessen the burden on the Court. Specifically, J&J would withdraw its motion to dismiss, stipulate to supplementing the complaint in the 613 action with the new patents, and agree to dismiss the New Jersey actions. If J&J also executed an appropriate covenant not to sue, Abbott then would stipulate that the original patents could be dismissed from the 613 action. The 613 action would continue before Judge Robinson for the new patents. As you know, Judge Robinson is highly regarded and has a wealth of experience with the parties and stent technology, including drug eluting stents. Indeed, over the past decade, J&J has regularly engaged in patent litigation before Judge Robinson. No judge is more qualified to resolve the present dispute between the parties. We are not aware of any legitimate reason why J&J should prefer that another judge preside over the present litigation.

We hope that these discussions will prove profitable and that the parties will be able to narrow the present disputes.

Very truly yours,

s/Leland G. Hansen

Leland G. Hansen

EXHIBIT G



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(12) **United States Patent**
Frazier

(10) **Patent No.: US 6,395,417 B1**
(45) **Date of Patent: May 28, 2002**

(54) **SPILL CONTAINMENT SYSTEM WITH A FLEXIBLE CORROSION-RESISTANT LINER**

(76) **Inventor: Douglas Frazier, 3131 Montana Ave., Claremont, CA (US) 91711**

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(21) **Appl. No.: 09/602,276**

(22) **Filed: Jun. 23, 2000**

Related U.S. Application Data

(63) Continuation-in-part of application No. 09/428,192, filed on Oct. 27, 1999, now Pat. No. 6,308,728.

(51) **Int. Cl.⁷** H01M 2/36

(52) **U.S. Cl.** 429/49; 429/48; 220/495.01

(58) **Field of Search** 429/84, 86, 95, 429/99, 49, 48; 220/574.3, 495.01, 495.06, 23.86

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(57) **ABSTRACT**

A spill containment system and method that contain leaks and spills from devices including but not limited to batteries. The system neutralizes and absorbs leaks and spills to prevent the leaks and spills from spreading. The system not only detects leaks, but also indicates whether a leak has occurred. The system can communicate with personnel or devices to raise an alarm or cause corrective measures to occur. The spill containment system includes a battery rack inside a battery rack cabinet having a door. To open the door and gain access to the batteries, one of the rigid containment rails is removed such that the exposed flexible corrosion-resistant liner may be flexed to permit the opening and closing of the door.

13 Claims, 33 Drawing Sheets

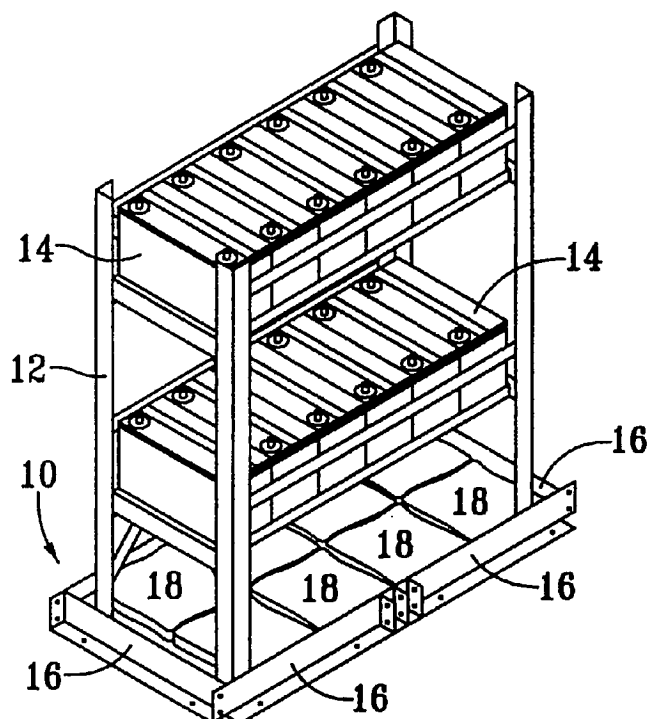


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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
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CORDIS CORPORATION,

Plaintiff,

vs.

ABBOTT LABORATORIES,

Defendant.

AT 8:30
WILLIAM T. WALSH

Civil Action No. 07-2265

**STIPULATION AND ORDER
STAYING CASE PENDING
RESOLUTION OF MOTIONS IN THE
DISTRICT OF DELAWARE**

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The parties have commenced litigation in this Court and in the District of Delaware concerning the patent-in-suit in Civil Action No. 07-2265. The Delaware District Court is presently considering whether this litigation should proceed in this District or in the District of Delaware.

Plaintiff Cordis Corporation, by and through its attorneys, Robinson & Livelli, and Defendant Abbott Laboratories by and through its attorneys, Gibbons P.C., stipulate and agree that Civil Action No. 07-2265 be stayed until the United States District Court for the District of Delaware decides whether this case should proceed in this District or the District of Delaware. If the Delaware District Court determines that the litigation should proceed in this District, the stay will be dissolved without further action by this Court.

SO ORDERED:


Tonianne J. Bongiovanni, U.S.M.J.

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Civil Action No. 07-2477

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The parties have commenced litigation in this Court and in the District of Delaware concerning the patent-in-suit in Civil Action No. 07-2477. The Delaware District Court is presently considering whether this litigation should proceed in this District or in the District of Delaware.

Plaintiff Cordis Corporation, by and through its attorneys, Robinson & Livelli, and Defendant Abbott Laboratories by and through its attorneys, Gibbons P.C., stipulate and agree that Civil Action No. 07-2477 be stayed until the United States District Court for the District of Delaware decides whether this case should proceed in this District or the District of Delaware. If the Delaware District Court determines that the litigation should proceed in this District, the stay will be dissolved without further action by this Court.


SO ORDERED:


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Civil Action No. 07-2728

**STIPULATION AND ORDER
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RESOLUTION OF MOTIONS IN THE
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The parties have commenced litigation in this Court and in the District of Delaware concerning the patent-in-suit in Civil Action No. 07-2728. The Delaware District Court is presently considering whether this litigation should proceed in this District or in the District of Delaware.


Plaintiff Cordis Corporation, by and through its attorneys, Robinson & Livelli, and Defendant Abbott Laboratories by and through its attorneys, Gibbons P.C., stipulate and agree that Civil Action No. 07-2728 be stayed until the United States District Court for the District of Delaware decides whether this case should proceed in this District or the District of Delaware. If the Delaware District Court determines that the litigation should proceed in this District, the stay will be dissolved without further action by this Court.

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